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STAND IT UP STRAIGHT--Bud Crump (left) pulls on one side of this oak tree while Gary Brown (center) and Casper Garza (right) fill it in with dirt. The trees were donated by Methodist Hospital in an effort to beautify the grounds of Caprock Hospital.

Staff Photo

Final plans underway for annual Floyd County Fair

Plans for the Floyd County Fair are being made by the officers and directors. The event will be held at the fairgrounds east of Lockney on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The next meeting of the fair officials will be held Monday, July 8 in the Home Economics Department at Lockney High School. Anyone who would like to help or who has ideas to present are asked to be present at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Officers and directors are Roy Saucedo, president; Betty Hayes, vice-president; Lawson Rowell, treasurer;

Kana Kennedy, secretary; and Carol Huggins reporter; Cleatus Hayes, Lozelle Keeter, Nellie Webb, Johnny Arjona, Ted Young and Frankie Graves.

The fair board will be raffling a red white and blue patriotic quilt that was pieced and quilted by members of the community. Tickets for the quilt can be purchased from any director and the quilt will be hung in various locations in Floydada and Lockney until the weekend of the fair.

Carnival tickets may be purchased in advance at the First National Bank in

Lockney and the First National Bank in Floydada.

Betty Hayes is in charge of the booth space and anyone who would like a booth is asked to call her at 652-2544 or 652-3112.

Registration for the Queens Contest is open and applications can be picked up at Browns Department Store in Lockney and Hale's Department Store in Floydada. For more information call Shelly Brock at 652-2138. Age groups include Miss Floyd County, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Tiny Miss.

The fair board will also be holding an auction of donated items. They ask that if you have items that you would like to donate to call Kana Kennedy at 652-3666. Hand made crafts, woodwork, paintings, needlework, antiques and other items would be appreciated.

Cleanup days at the fairgrounds have been set for Saturdays between now and opening day.

Have A Safe and Happy
4th of July!



Last solar eclipse of century visible July 11

A partial solar eclipse will be visible throughout the Southwestern United States on Thursday, July 11. In those states, the moon will cover about 60 percent of the sun. A full eclipse will be visible in Hawaii, making this the last total solar eclipse visible from the United States in the 20th century.

The eclipse will last approximately two and one half hours. At maximum eclipse, the sun will appear as a crescent, with its "horns" pointing south. The time of the maximum eclipse will vary with the location.

"Watching the eclipse on television may be the safest way to enjoy this natural phenomenon," stated Wayne M. Fung, MD. He continued "Staring at the sun can burn the retina and though you won't feel any pain, you may permanently damage your sight."

"He stressed that sunglasses (with or without ultraviolet-blocking coating), welding goggles or smoked glass will not protect the retina. Viewing the eclipse through a telescope or binoculars is even more hazardous, since these devices increase the intensity of the light."

A simple device for viewing the eclipse safely can be constructed from two sheets of white cardboard. First make a pinhole in the center of one of the pieces. Standing with your back to the sun, hold the pinholed sheet up so that the sun shines through the hole and on to the other sheet. A small image of the sun will be visible on the cardboard. Focus or change the size of the image by changing the distance between the sheets of cardboard.



GREETING THE CITIZENS--Dr. France (center) was busy throughout the day, Friday, talking to the many Floydada residents who came out to greet him at a recep-

tion at Lighthouse Electric. Shown here talking to Dr. France are Mr. and Mrs. Bud Crump.

Staff Photo

Free breakfast will kick-off Fourth of July celebration

Floydada's Pay-N-Save parking lot will be the sight for a county wide 4th of July celebration.

The festivities will start early Thursday morning with a free breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Everyone who shows up will be treated to eggs, sausage, bread, jelly, coffee and orange juice.

A special patriotic program will be presented at 9:00 a.m. to honor all Floyd County servicemen and women who served in "Desert Storm."

The ceremony is sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Boys Scouts of America. The servicemen who are unable to attend will be represented by their families.

The 4th of July celebrations will continue throughout the day with free prizes



PERFORMING THE 4TH--Gail Veach will be performing during a street dance at the Pay-n-Save parking lot Thursday, July 4.

Chiropractic practice will open in Floydada

Dr. David Z. Martin, 36, of Flomot, has moved his chiropractic office to Floydada. Dr. Martin recently sold his thriving practice in Denton to re-locate close to his family and to return to small town practice.

Because of the remodeling of the building in which Dr. Martin plans to locate his business, he will not be ready for patients until July 29.

The son of W.Z. and Trula Martin, Dr. Martin was born in Matador and grew up in Flomot. He graduated from West Texas State University in 1977 and attended Life Chiropractic College in Atlanta. After graduation in 1986, Dr. Martin opened an office in Denton.

Because of his desire to be an all-around family doctor, Dr. Martin also attended medical school in the British West Indies. He graduated their medical school this year, and after a one year residency program he plans to practice both as a chiropractor and a family practitioner of medicine.

"I left Denton," said Martin, "because I wanted to move back to West Texas and live in a smaller town. I am dedicating this office to the memory of my grandparents. My grandmother, Mr. H.S. Gilbert, is now living in the Lockney Nursing Home."

Martin, who says his fees will be "exceptionally reasonable", plans on celebrating the opening of his practice

with an open house and large bar-b-que in the adjacent parking lot, on July 27. Dr. Martin's office is located at 211 E. Missouri (next to City Auto).

Community reception welcomes Dr. France

Dr. France, along with his guide Ron Rives, of Methodist Hospital, was showered to the best hospitality that Floydada has to offer during his recent visit to the city, last Friday.

Following his arrival by helicopter, at 11:00 a.m., Dr. France toured the hospital and clinic facilities. He met with the hospital board at lunch and then with the community during a two hour reception at Lighthouse.

The afternoon reception featured a table highlighted with silver appointments. A colorful spread of fruits, cookies and sandwiches were served by women in the community.

An avid golfer, Dr. France was treated to an afternoon golf game at the Floydada Country Club. He rested briefly at the Lamplighter Bed & Breakfast before going on to a dinner party at the home of Mayor Wayne Russell.

After spending the night at the Bed &

to those who register and cartoon characters entertaining the youngsters. Mingling in the crowd will be Chester Cheetham, Keebler the Elf, the Kool-Aid Pitcher, "Freddy" the Teddy Graham Bear and two rodeo clowns.

Hot dogs, 5 for \$1.00, will be served from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Twenty-five cent cokes will also be available during that time and free ice cream samples will be given out. Super specials will be available throughout the store, including specials on: charcoal, hot dogs, ice, ice cream and soft drinks.

A country-western street dance will start at 11:00 a.m., featuring Gail Veach and the All American Band. The band will play until 4:00 p.m. and a block of W. California, adjacent to the Pay-N-Save parking lot will be blocked off for the crowd.

Veach, of Plainview, has opened for major recording acts Asleep At The Wheel and Skip Ewing. She will be joined by the All American Band consisting of Daren Brown, Ricky Cross, Earl Brosh and Mark Brown.

There will be no fireworks at the Floydada Country Club this year, but another patriotic program will be presented at Floydada's First Christian Church Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to the church.

Breakfast, Dr. France was then taken to Post for the best they had to offer. Post's Hospital (also affiliated with Methodist Hospital) is also actively seeking a physician.

"He seemed to be very impressed with the people here," said Caprock Hospital Board member Joy Assiter. "He told me that he loved the people of Floydada—that they were all so close and seemed like such a nice group."

Dr. France currently has a family practice in Beaumont, but grew up in Walden, Colorado (a town of 800). "His father was a family practitioner and he says that is what he has always loved," said Assiter.

"The involvement of the young people in putting this together was very refreshing," said Assiter. "The women did a superb job organizing the reception. It was a beautiful reception."

OTHER DOCTOR POSSIBILITIES

"We should know by August whether Dr. France is interested in locating to Floydada," said Caprock Administrator Terry Keltz.

"The most important thing for us to do now is to get the clinic repaired and remodeled so the doctors will have a place to locate to."

Also treated to a reception, Wednesday, July 24, were Dr. Patrick Hanford and Dr. Edward Leins. Hanford and Leins currently have their offices in Lubbock.

Methodist Hospital administrators are currently negotiating with Hanford and Leins in the hopes that the doctors will come to Floydada four days a week and handle primary care for patients at the Cogdell Clinic. This would only be on an out-patient basis and would help out any doctor that did decide to locate to Floydada. It would also help to keep Floydada patients in town instead of seeking the services of doctors outside of Floydada.

Methodist Hospital is also bringing another physician, Dr. Johnson, to Floydada, July 13, to tour the facilities and meet the community. Johnson will be treated to the same type of activities as Dr. France.

Both Hesperian-Beacon offices will be closed Thursday, July 4.

Practice safety on 4th of July

Fireworks injure nearly 10,000 people every year. A physician at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says statistics show that many of these injuries are preventable.

"Most injuries from fireworks occur in teenage and pre-teen boys," said Dr. M. Bows Hamill, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor. "The injuries we most often see, to the hands and eyes, can be prevented by proper, adult supervision."

Children frequently throw firecrackers at each other, causing injury as severe as blindness or deafness when they explode in midair near the head. Injuries to the hand and face occur when fireworks with short fuses go off while they are still being held.

"I recommend that parents take their children to organized fireworks shows, but if they do purchase fireworks, it is

important to know how to use them safely and properly," Hamill said.

- Never allow fireworks to be used without adult supervision.
- Never use fireworks in prohibited areas.
- Always place firecrackers on the ground before lighting them.
- Never throw firecrackers.
- Rocket-like fireworks should be launched from the ground, not the hand, and pointed away from people.
- Select an open field away from buildings to launch fireworks.
- Carefully read the instructions and warnings on fireworks.

Hamill says anyone planning to use fireworks should know first aid measures should injuries occur.

Minor burns, the most common injury, should be treated by running cold

water over the site immediately. Apply a cold water compress until the pain subsides and cover with gauze or similar material.

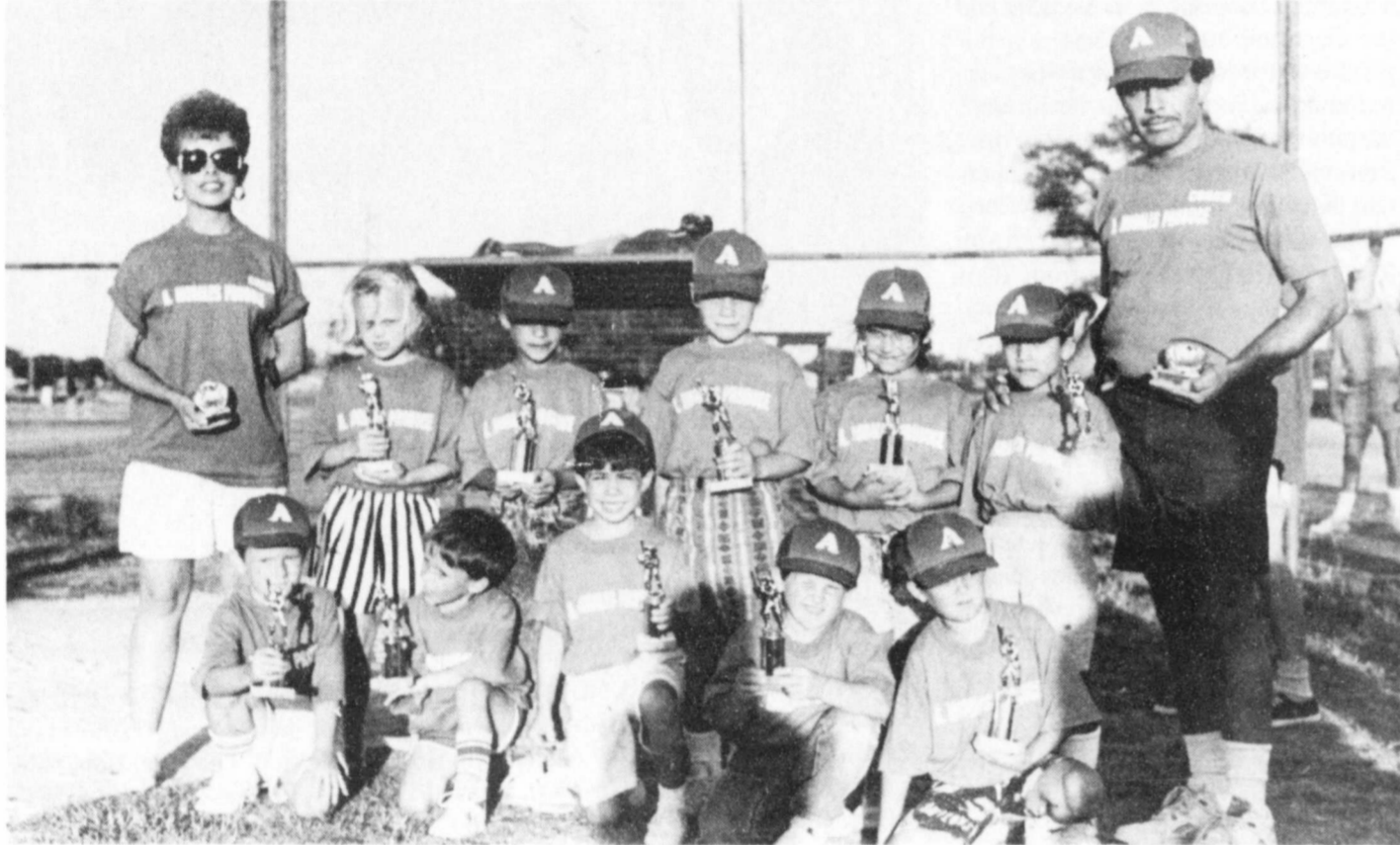
If the eye is injured, inspect the area for any foreign object on the eyeball or the eyelids. If it is embedded in the eye, if there is bleeding, if sight is diminished or the pupil is not round, attempt no treatment and take the patient to an emergency room immediately. Otherwise, gently rinse the area with clean water until the object is removed.

In the case of an explosion near the ear, perforation of the eardrum is possible. Cover the ear with a clean, dry pad to prevent infection and have a physician examine the area.

A first aid kit is recommended for any outing involving Fourth of July fireworks.



BON VOYAGE RECEPTION -- Andrew Cameron, (center, standing) was the honored guest at an informal farewell reception held at Lighthouse Electric last Sunday. Cameron, the AFS Exchange student at FHS this year, is departing to return to his home in New Zealand. Pictured with Cameron are classmates from Floydada High School. Cameron has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gilliland and their sons. Staff Photo



1ST PLACE T-BALL TEAM -- The Morales Produce T-Ball Team received first place trophies at a special ceremony on Tuesday, June 25. Earning the honor of being the leading team of the season were (front row, left to right)

D.J. Summers, Jay D. McLaugh, Tracey Ramirez, Ross Bennett, Eric Enriquez; (back row) Coach Sandy Trevino, Ragan Beedy, Amado Morales, T.J. Fuller, Ashley Martinez, Rocky Reyes and Coach Amado Morales. Staff Photo



1ST PLACE STARS -- Earning trophies for finishing the season in the top spot for girls age 8-12 were (back row, left to right) Coach Connie Luna, Jeannie Ochoa, Mandi Yearly, Valerie Taylor, Ashleigh Williams, Coach Janie

Pena; (front) Jennifer Luna, Tara Gilly, April Pena, Tasha Clemmons and Tracy Pena. Not pictured is Debra Ysasaga. The awards ceremony was held last Tuesday evening. Staff Photo

Highway hazards increase on holidays

Mention the words "4th of July" and many activities come to mind that are traditionally associated with this holiday; picnics, fireworks, flags, and hot weather are just a few. There is one more item that is also traditionally associated with not only this holiday but all others: traffic accidents. Yet most people seldom give a second thought about traffic safety, especially during holidays and therein lies the problem.

"Many people still believe they are immune from tragedy on our highways", stated Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety. It's a fact, people will be killed and injured on our roads during this holiday period and you can bet none of them expected to be involved in a crash. The sad part is that most of these accidents could have been prevented by the motorist involved.

According to Major Cawthon, the Texas Department of Public Safety wants Texas motorists to be aware of the increased hazards present on our highways during holiday periods. When asked to give the primary factor in highway vehicle accidents, Major Cawthon stated, "After reviewing all of our statistics, I would have to say driving while intoxicated is still a tremendous problem on our roads. The statistics indicate at least fifty percent of all traffic deaths are alcohol related."

Anyone that drinks can be a problem once they are on the highway. Many of these drivers may appear to be driving fairly well until they get into a tight situation requiring fast thinking and reactions, but a brain depressed by alcohol cannot think fast enough to keep them out of trouble.

If you intend on making a trip this holiday, Major Cawthon advises the following, "The best way to have a safe, accident free holiday is don't drink and drive, observe all laws and utilize safety belts."



SHARE-THE-FUN TEAM COMPETES AT STATE—The Lockney 4-H Share-The-Fun team competed at State Roundup at Texas A&M, June 4-6. Their skit was a spinoff of Saturday Night Live. Participating were (1 to r, back row) Lance Patridge (George Bush), Allen Martin (4-H Music Man), Max Green (Barbara Bush), Carolyn Turner (George Strait), Shawn Hill (Wynona Winfrey), David Turner (Connie Citizenship); (1 to r, front row) Rhonda Hickerson (Julia Roberts), Jerod Glasson (Dolly Homemaker), Misty Bertrand (Aggie Al). Not shown is Casey Criswell who competed with the group at District Roundup in Lubbock on May 18, 1991. Courtesy Photo

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Host families are being sought for high school exchange students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Ecuador, Japan and Australia for the School Year 1991-92 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August 1991, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June 1992. Students are fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries, have spending money and medical in-

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Referendum scheduled

Cotton industry facing milestone

The U.S. cotton industry is facing a milestone in its history, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

That milestone is a referendum tentatively scheduled to begin around July 19. Its purpose is to implement changes to the current cotton research and promotion program provided for in the 1990 Farm Bill.

In a nutshell cotton producers will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" to a uniform assessment on all domestic and imported cotton.

Passage of the referendum will do two things: eliminate the refund provision for domestic producers and implement a mechanism to assess imported textiles on an equal basis.

"A successful referendum," explains PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "will bring to an end years of work by industry leaders to assess imported cotton."

Cotton leaders across the belt have been conducting information meetings in an effort to provide producers with information concerning the referendum. These meetings give producers an opportunity to have their questions answered.

Recently High Plains producers were given that opportunity. A series of producer information meetings were conducted on the High Plains by Cotton Board (CB) and Cotton Incorporated (CI) staff members during the week of June 24-28.

Individuals attending the meetings were briefed on the issues involved in the referendum and the procedures that will be followed in its execution.

ASCS will be sending each eligible voter a ballot (s) through the mail a few days prior to the beginning of the voting period. A simple majority of the individuals who vote is required to pass the referendum.

Importers will be allowed to vote in the referendum. It is estimated that around 8,000 importers are going to be

eligible. CB staff members presented an overview of the accomplishments of the program and examples of products and technologies developed with producer funds. One example is the module builder, a machine used on almost 90 percent of the High Plains crop in 1990.

One item however stands out above all the rest when it comes to judging the success of the research and promotion program. Since the beginning of the program cotton's market share has risen dramatically; from a low of 33 percent in 1975 to its present 53 percent level in the apparel and home furnishings market. It was also noted that the cotton seed is recognized by over 70 percent of U.S. consumers.

Another important piece of information producers were given at the meetings was the change in the way the State Support Program for CI will be conducted over the next five years.

All cotton-producing states will begin receiving state support funds, based on production, for use in either research, promotion, or both. Combined these funds will total five percent of CI's overall yearly budget.

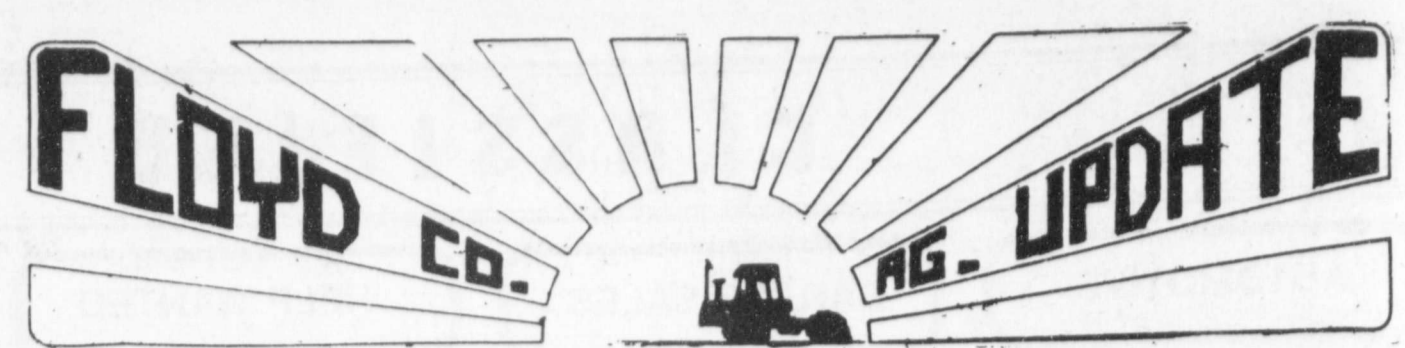
These funds will be used to fund research or promotion projects designated by the individual state support committees.

The change comes in the way the funds are made available to the states.

Under the present program only those states in which support for Cotton Incorporated reached 80 percent or more were eligible for these funds. Now each state will receive money based on its total production. It is estimated that Texas will receive over \$500,000 in state support funds.



ASCS AWARD—Bob Lotspeich, Executive Director of the Floyd County ASCS Office is shown here with the award for distinguished service to ASCS-Agriculture, which he received June 29 in Tyler. The award was presented at the annual TASCOE convention. Staff Photo



Manure has positive impact

By Mike Mallett, CEA-Ag. Research at the Bushland Experiment Station has shown that manure applications to fields has had a positive impact on crop production. Recently at an educational meeting two farmers in the Canyon and Dalhart areas expressed their pleasure with the positive benefits they have experienced since using feedlot manure. These producers indicated their fertilizer costs have dropped tremendously, and they will keep utilizing manure in their cropping system.

Availability of Plant Nutrients
NITROGEN
Nitrogen, generally the element of primary concern, is present in feedlot waste largely as organic nitrogen.

Field studies with sorghum at Bushland indicate that about 120, 60, and 30 pounds of the 270 pounds present in 10 tons of manure is available for plant use during the first, second, and third seasons, respectively.

PHOSPHORUS
Like nitrogen, the phosphorus present in manure is largely in organic form and becomes available for plant use only after biodegradation.

It is highly likely that application rates sufficient to meet the crop's nitrogen requirement will be more than adequate to supply phosphorus requirements even on deficient soils.

SECONDARY AND MICRO NUTRIENTS
Iron and zinc availability from manure in fields known to be deficient in

these elements has not been adequately evaluated. Observation has been made that manure applications have not been effective in reducing the incidence of iron deficiency symptoms in sorghum the first year after application.

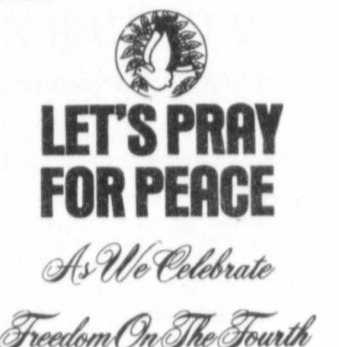
Influence on Soil Properties
Continued annual applications of 10 to 15 tons per acre can be expected to have a favorable effect on soil properties.

- Some advantages are:
- Increase in organic matter over time
 - Improves soil structure
 - improved cohesiveness of soil
 - decreased bulk density
 - Increased water infiltration rate
 - Increased water holding capacity
 - Decreases evaporation rate
 - Decreases compaction problems
 - Improves availability of Iron, Zinc and Phosphorus in calcareous soils
 - Iron is chelated
 - Some disadvantages may be:
 - Salt accumulation: apply manure in the fall so that winter and spring rains may reduce the salinity hazard
 - Weed seed introduction: the potential problem is lessened when the wastes are stockpiled and allowed to undergo heating
 - Nitrate accumulation
- Feedlot waste can best be applied soon after harvest and ahead of initial land preparation when the land supports equipment well. Subsequent tillage operations should break up and incorpo-

rate the material into the soil to prevent nitrogen loss as ammonia and to insure placement of the phosphorus in the root zone.

In regard to micro nutrients, be reminded that these foliar applications are a "quick fix". With manure, iron, for example, is chelated which makes it readily available.

In considering the use of feedlot wastes be sure to run an economic comparison of inorganic fertilizer versus manure.



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Iowa farm boy visits Texas

An Iowa farm boy saw agriculture with a Texas twist recently in an eye-opening tour of the Lone Star State's second largest industry.

Dean Kleckner, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, joined Texas Farm Bureau President S.M. True on a recent three day agribusiness tour throughout the state. Kleckner said the visit to a sheep, goat and cattle operation in the Hill Country and to rice operations on the Coastal Plains helped him in his leadership role of the nation's largest general farm organization by giving him a clearer view of problems facing all of agriculture.

"My farm is in northern Iowa, near the Minnesota line," he said. "Just about every Iowa farmer grows corn, of course, and we have soybeans and hogs. The producers I talked with in Texas are from a different world, and I appreciate the new perspective I have on their operations."

That perspective is important, Kleckner said, because he represents 3.2 million AFBF member-families coast-to-coast. What concerns farmers in Iowa might be of little interest to Texas farmers. Trips such as this, he related, give him an overall look at diverse types of agriculture, and in turn, helps him direct legislative efforts on issues affecting farmers and ranchers nationwide.

Although Iowa and Texas agriculture are as diverse as night and day, a common thread binds them together, Kleckner said. That thread is the whim of Mother Nature.

"Northern Iowa is very wet right now, much like the Houston area we visited," Kleckner said. "We watched as Ross and Charles Werla applied herbicides to their rice crop by airplane. The job took over two hours, at a cost of \$6,000. Three hours later thunderstorms soaked the field. They may have to do it all over again."

"We all need to remember the risks farmers take to put food on our tables," TFB President True said Kleckner showed a better understanding of the many problems facing Texas farmers and ranchers after the three-day visit.

"Agriculture is second as far as the economics of Texas," True said. "And agriculture is most important in the sense that we're number one in renewable resources. I think it's been very productive to have Dean visit us for three days."

Kleckner said one issue of vital importance to Texas agricultural producers is free trade talks with Mexico. The neighboring country to the south will become increasingly important to Texas producers, as well as producers across the nation, in upcoming years.

"There are concerns with fruit and vegetable producers with the competition of Mexican farm products coming in," the AFBF President said. "But in the long run, both the U.S. and Mexico stand to gain under a North American or a U.S./Mexico free trade agreement. It will be a win/win situation for both us and them."

Among the other concerns the two farm leaders discussed were wetlands, the tax/budget situation in the United States and rural health issues.

"Virtually anything that affects farmers and ranchers is of concern to the American Farm Bureau Federation," Kleckner said. "We are the largest farm organization not only in the United States, but in the world."



ROUNDING THE BARRELS--One of the contestants in the barrel racing competition trusts her horse to not knock the barrel over but keep her close enough so that she shaves time off her run. Six contestants competed in the barrel racing portion of the Floyd County Rodeo held Friday and Saturday nights at the arena east of Floydada. The event was sponsored by the Floydada Rodeo Association. Staff Photo

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